

Sports Of A Day

— Told By The Farmer's Experts —

BASKETBALL NOTES

The Basketball attraction at the local association Friday night is a double header basketball game and the 1-4 mile potato race. The basketball game will be between the Representative teams of the local association and the boys classes. Both teams will line up against the two Representative teams of the New Britain Y. M. C. A., on Lincoln's Birthday night, Feb. 12th.

C. Q. D. for the Bloomer Girls.

Keating seemed to be the goal for his opponents, the way they clung to him.

Burdick made a hit right off with the ladies. The others were content to straight ahead.

Place the local High School girls against the Boston girls and the result would be just the same.

Hustlers trimmed the Brooklowns in hollow fashion over in St. Joseph's Hall last night to the tune of 11 to 1. Thorpe was lucky and caked a foul for the losers.

One of the Boston Bloomer girls was unable to run after getting on the floor. When an examination was made it was found that she had two left feet.

About half the audience left when the first half was over. The people came to see a basketball game and not a hair pulling match.

The Park City rink surface is the best hereabouts. The players can skate advantageously from any part of the house.

Edgewoods entertain the Danbury team at the West End Rink Club tomorrow night. Danburys have a clean slate so far this season.

Edgewoods go to New Haven Feb. 10 to play the O. K. team of that town, which team they trimmed in this city two weeks ago by the score of 25 to 16.

Hustlers made such a hit in Norwalk Monday night, that the manager of the Montauk team which defeated them has written to other managers in the state telling them of the gentlemanly way in which the Hustlers played in Norwalk and that they would not regret it by booking the Hustlers for games.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Boston, Feb. 4.—John G. Clarkson, in his day the greatest pitcher in the country and brother of Walter Clarkson, the captain of the Harvard team, is dying at McLean Hospital, Waverly, Mass., whither he was removed on Tuesday. Clarkson was ill with double pneumonia recently but was reported much better on Tuesday and it was deemed wise to remove him from his parents' home in Winthrop to the private hospital at Waverly. There, however, he grew violent and had to be put under restraint, it being necessary to strap him to a bed. This morning he had a sinking spell and his parents were notified that the end was near. They at once started for the hospital. Clarkson died at 11 this morning.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 4.—The status of the bill abolishing racetrack gambling in Washington which has passed both branches of the legislature became uncertain to-day through a parliamentary tangle of the House and Senate over the time when the bill should become effective. The Senate added a clause to the bill making it operative May 1. The House considered this clause to be an amendment and refused to concur in it. The Senate has so far refused to refer the conference committee to decide this new question, believing its action was not in the nature of an amendment. The bill passed the Senate almost unanimously.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—All the details were completed to-day for a match between Lew Fowler and Percy McFarland to take place on Washington's birthday. It will be a 20 round affair. The men will weigh in at ten o'clock in the morning at 155 pounds.

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—E. J. Baldwin, better known as "Lucky" Baldwin, is reported as near death as the result of a heart attack. Baldwin is eighty years old and a famous race track character. He originated the Santa Annetta track.

Boston, Feb. 4.—Ardent hockeyists are beginning night work on the big stadium rink which is being specially fitted with lights to accommodate the men to playing by artificial light, so that they will be less affected by the light of the St. Nicholas rink in New York when they play, February 9. The make up of the varsity attack seems to be definitely settled now with Gardner, Hicks, Morgan and Hornblower. Paine has been out for nearly a week and can hardly get back to his place at right wing except for a Cornell game which will be played in the stadium Saturday.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 4.—The schedule of the Yale University football team for the season of 1906, just announced, contains ten games, which is one more than that of last season. Washington and Jefferson are the Massachusetts teams which have been omitted, and Amherst, Colgate and Springfield Training School have been added to the list. The schedule follows: September 23, Wesleyan at New Haven; October 2, Syracuse at New Haven; 9th, Holy Cross at New Haven; 9th, Springfield Training School at New Haven; 16th, West Point at West Point; 23rd, Colgate at New Haven; 30th, Amherst at New Haven; Nov. 6, Brown at New Haven; 13th, Princeton at New Haven; 20th, Harvard at Cambridge.

Manager John J. McGraw, of the Giants, will leave for Marlborough, Mass., with the first contingent of Giants on or near February 17. Besides himself and Ground Keeper Murphy a score of recruits will be found in the vanguard. McGraw will follow last year's policy during Spring training. He will devote attention early in the season to the new material. None of the regulars or old heads connected with the Giants will go out with the first squad.

At least nineteen, and, perhaps, twenty, will make the early leap. The players who live in or about New York will start from Gotham. The others will assemble at Western points—Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis—to join the party as it journeys westward. The trip will be made by rail this year. Here is the squad that McGraw has definitely decided upon to make the trip: Pitchers, Marquard, Durham, Raymond, Waller, Heller, Keuppner and Holmes; catcher, Schiel; J. Meyers; Snodgrass and Wilson; infielders,

Fletcher, Wagner and Simmons, and outfielders, Murray, O'Hara, B. Meyers and Cossah. Pitcher Jake Weimer will also be of the party if he comes to terms with the Giant management.

George Stallings, manager of the Yankees, returned to his Georgia plantation yesterday, but not before he inaugurated the annual housecleaning of the Hilltoppers. The big chief has been wielding the axe since his sojourn in Gotham, and yesterday announced that eight heads had fallen by the block. Of this bevy two were regulars for part of last season, Outfielder Frank Dehanty and Pitcher Jim Vaughn, the reputed "Coxon portable" first baseman. The other six were Pitchers: Mueller, Revelle, Wagner and Frill. Shortstop Marcan and First Baseman Barry Walters on the batch were asked to leave eleven days ago, and all the clubs in the American League scoffed at the opportunity of taking a chance with any of them. They will be disposed of to the minor league clubs most anxious for this kind of material.

Sydney, N.S.W., Feb. 4.—"Bill" Lang yesterday defeated "Bill" Squires for the heavyweight championship of Australia. The contest lasted for seventeen rounds. Lang was defeated by Burns in Melbourne last September.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 4.—Yale upset predictions last night by beating the University of Pennsylvania here at basketball 22 to 15 in the intercollegiate championship series. Although the Quakers scored first, Yale soon tied the score and in the first half was nip and tuck, Yale leading at its close 10 to 8.

In the second half Yale forged ahead easily and won by a seven-point margin. Van Vleck's all-around work for Yale was excellent. He scored twelve of Yale's points. Kelnath's play was the feature of Pennsylvania's game. He rolled up 9 points. As Pennsylvania has beaten Princeton easily, while Yale has lost two games to the Tigers, it was thought that Yale would fall an easy prey to Pennsylvania.

Roscoe Johnson, a brother of Jack Johnson, the world's champion heavyweight, died yesterday morning at the New York Hospital from pneumonia and his body now lies in the Morgue. Unless the negro pugilist or friends claim the body it will be buried in Potter's Field.

When Superintendent George P. Ludlum of the New York Hospital learned the negro was known throughout the Federation as the brother of the fighter he made an effort to find the relatives of the dead man, and yesterday afternoon sent a telegram to Lawson Johnson, father of Jack Johnson, who lives in Galveston, Texas. Last evening the superintendent received the following telegram in answer to the one he sent:

"Have no money. Please bury Roscoe Johnson here and make arrangements." "LAWSON JOHNSON."

POLO.

National Polo League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Pawtucket	37	30	.552
Providence	32	28	.533
Fall River	33	32	.508
New Bedford	32	32	.500
Worcester	31	35	.470
Brookton	27	37	.422

GAMES TO-NIGHT.
Brookton at Providence.
Pawtucket at New Bedford.
Worcester at Fall River.

RESULTS LAST NIGHT.
At Worcester—Worcester, 22; Pawtucket, 1.

POLO NOTES.
The season of the National Roller Polo League is more than half over. The Eastern teams are: New Bedford, Salem, Hartford, Providence, New Haven, New Britain, Bridgeport, Pawtucket, Worcester, Brookton and Fall River.

Salem was the first team to weaken. Hartford followed soon afterward and New Britain was transferred to New Bedford. Bridgeport was broken up and divided among the other clubs, and Bone's New Haven team was transferred, first to Lynn and later dropped because of the inability of the league to find a schedule which would be satisfactory to Bone.

Of the original Salem team Jason is with Pawtucket. Higgins with Fall River. Fisher with Worcester. Saunders and Tibbets playing in the West.

Of the Hartford quintet Hart is with Worcester. Schiffer is working in the brass works at Waterbury. Coggeshall is with Worcester. Doherty is with Brookton and Anderson is in the West.

Of the original Providence lineup Curtis is not playing at present, but is employed in Providence; McGilvray, Menard, Hardy and Mallory are still with the team.

New Haven's original lineup is pretty well scattered. Warner is working in the West. The original Worcester lineup is pretty well divided. Lewis is with Providence. Roberts is under contract with any of the teams. Canavan is with Fall River. Carrigan is for sale in Pawtucket and Harper is in the Spindle City.

The Tigers are the only team in the league to keep their original lineup. Cunningham, Pierce, Wiley, Cameron and Bannan.

Of the original Worcester lineup Murphy, Burke, Mooney and Mitchell are in the West. The last heard of O'Brien was that he was playing in New York state. Lovon is under contract with New Bedford.

Of the men who represented Brookton at the beginning of the season Lincoln is with Worcester, Murray and Cusick are not playing under contract. Pete Woods was last heard from in the New York State League.

Thompson and O'Hara are the only players of Fall River's original quintet who are now with the team. McCarthy is with Brookton, Farrell is in the West, and it is probable that both Whipple and Cashman are playing somewhere near Ulrichville.

There were fifty-one players under contract at the start of the season. Jean, Lyons and Cunningham, Jr., being the only men who refused to renew their contracts. Jean finally joined with New Britain, Lyons and Cunningham, Jr., however, went West. For the benefit of the fans who were so distressed when they heard that Lyons and Cunningham, Jr., had gone West,

it might be said that the teams on which these men are playing are fighting it out in the Ohio State League for the bottom rung of the ladder.

Cleveland, Feb. 4.—Ohio boxing promoters and fight fans will test the declaration of Governor Harmon that he will put an end to prize fighting when "Johnny" Kilbain and "Johnny" Whitaker meet at Akron to-night. The sports are a bit apprehensive regarding the battle.

Sacramento, Feb. 4.—Making the Otis-Walker anti-race track gambling bill special order for to-day the Senate made sure that a vote would be taken. It is conceded now that the bill will pass by a proportionate vote of five to one. Reconsideration on a motion from some opponents set the vote back until a canvass shows a majority to vote.

OH! IT WAS JUST TOO AWFUL FOR EVERYBODY THERE

Those Girls from Boston Were Clingers, But Couldn't Play Basketball. And All the Gallantry of Blue Ribbon Males Couldn't Give Them Game—It Was no Beauty Show—Either and Crowd Was Disappointed.

What constitutes a basketball game? Two baskets at each end of the floor and a basket ball. Where? Oh, where did the Boston Bloomer girls ever learn to play, and who called them girls? Their basketball team is an idea of some enterprising business man from Boston, with nothing else to do but make money, inducing a quintette of girls to style themselves basketball players, and then travel through the New England States and New York picking up loose change here and there.

It was a shame to bring on such a team here and give perhaps the biggest crowd that ever witnessed a basketball game in Bridgeport such an exhibition. The management of the Blue Ribbon team is not censured, as the girls' team was well presented to him by their manager, and in press reports sent out from towns in which they have appeared.

As to the game, it was a case of who could give the longest scratch to the Ribbon players, or who could hang on to Keating's neck the longest. The Ribbon made no attempt to stop the girls from throwing baskets, being content to look at them falling all over themselves in the attempt.

The first half was not as bad as one might suppose. It was worse: the score in the half being 8-6 in favor of the Ribbons. Miss A. Foster appeared to advantage in the second half and showed the makings of a player, the other players were mere loads. The final score was 32-17. The line-up:

BRIDGEPORT. BOSTON.
Fanning Miss Gussman
L. F. Miss Olympe
Smalling, Leavy R. F.
Keating Miss A. Foster
Burdick Miss B. Foster
Langhammer Miss Hernon
R. G.

Score: Ribbons 32, Girls 17. Goals: Fanning 6, Leavy 5, Miss A. Foster 4, Miss Gussman 2, Keating 2, Miss Olympe, Burdick, Langhammer. Goal from foul, Miss A. Foster. Referee, Lush. Timer, Waters. Attendance, 750.

POLO TONIGHT

To-night a return game will be played with the Capital City team of Hartford. The Bridgeport are waiting to "get even" as they were badly defeated the last time they played with this swift going bunch. A lively game is promised and a new score is looked for. The rink is warm and comfortable and two hours fun is to be had for 15c admission. Brooklawn cars direct to the door.

MANAGER HANNA ANNOUNCES LINE-UP

Manager Bill Hanna of the New Britain team has announced his line-up for the season of 1906. He has thirteen of last year's players reserved, the list being as follows: Ruffin and O'Mara, catchers; Ward, Brown, Coughlin, Treat and Pardon, pitchers; Bunyan, first base; Burns, second base; Cabrera, shortstop; Almeida, third base; McGraw, Waterman and McCabe in the outfield.

Of the new men to be tried out there are the following: Cantwell from the Maine league, an infielder; Kennedy from Mohand's, an outfielder; Cummings of the Fall River team of the New England league, for second base; Jeffries of Boston, and Crandall of New York, for first base; Joe Lewis, who is to report to the Baltimore team, for infield; Harry Thompson of Plattsburg, N. Y., and Umstatter of New Rochelle, pitchers.

POLO TONIGHT.
If you like a good game of polo don't miss seeing the Capital City team of Hartford line up against the All-Bridgeport team tonight at Brooklawn rink. Direct cars to the rink and two hours solid fun.

POINTS OF INTEREST.
Winter Clothes Are Still necessary for comfort and the ground now says there will be six weeks more of the winter cold. Why not call on Sam Harris at 1154 Miles street and select a good suit or overcoat, up to date in every particular, at either \$10 or \$15 and be in the swim with the other fellows. He also has some special bargains in separate trousers and fancy vests. Get wise and see Sam.

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WEDDINGS IN BRIDGEPORT DURING 1908

Matrimonial Contracts Entered into as Shown by Official Records of Town Clerk's Office—Marriages not Hitherto Announced.

(Continued.)
Nov. 21, Joseph Noga, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Lizzie Parkanski, Austrian, 18, Bridgeport, single, by Rev. J. Madar.

Nov. 22, Antonio Pietropello, Italy, 23, Norwalk, bootblack, single, to Antonietta Muschello, Italy, 19, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. F. Sorgetti.
Nov. 22, Charles R. Stratton, U. S., 35, Palm Beach, Florida, photographer, single, to Grace M. Hurlock, U. S., 22, Waterbury, at home, single, by Rev. H. H. Tweedy.

Nov. 22, John Marszalek, Austrian, 32, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Marie Mirowska, Austrian, 28, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. A. Plucinski.
Nov. 22, Michael Kocsis, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Lizzie Babjak, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, house work, single, by Rev. D. Bella, Portchester.

Nov. 23, Stephen Mozorosi, Austrian, 26, Bridgeport, carpenter, single, Mary Pap, Austrian, 20, Bridgeport, servant, single, by Rev. F. Stavrosky.
Nov. 23, Constantine Pandjopoulos, Greece, 27, New Haven, barber, single, to Deborah H. Brightman, U. S., 22, New Haven, stenographer, single, S. Lockwood.

Nov. 24, Azarias Demers, France, 23, Bridgeport, mechanic, single, to Clara Bodbout, Canada, 25, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. J. Desaulniers.
Nov. 24, Jeremiah W. Roberts, U. S., 37, Bridgeport, druggist, single, to Sarah E. Jackson, U. S., 36, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. W. H. Lynch.
Nov. 24, Charles S. Smith, U. S., 21, Bridgeport, salesman, single, to Winnifred McMaisters, U. S., 22, Boston, at home, single, by Rev. W. T. Hill, New Haven.

Nov. 25, William P. LeVaughn, U. S., 31, New York city, painter, single, to Lucy E. Malone, U. S., 32, New York city, stenographer, single, by W. W. Bent.

Nov. 25, Ralph Thayer, U. S., 60, Hadham, Ct., farmer, widower, to Katherine Brundage, U. S., 43, Bridgeport, at home, widow, by Rev. M. J. Judge.
Nov. 25, Frederick E. Eringer, U. S., 22, Bridgeport, carpenter, single, to Loretta M. Galvin, U. S., 18, Bridgeport, shop hand, by S. N. Lockwood.

Nov. 25, William Phelan, U. S., 24, Bridgeport, clerk, single, to Mary E. Gorman, U. S., 20, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. T. P. Mulcahy.
Nov. 25, Steve Neubauer, Hungarian, 23, Bridgeport, pressman, single, to Grace Kiki, U. S., 21, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by J. Madar.

Nov. 25, Lucien Kervack, Canada, 23, Bridgeport, horseshoer, single, to Lucy J. Crosher, U. S., 20, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. E. C. Woodruff.
Nov. 25, Lewis M. Potter, U. S., 35, Bridgeport, boxmaker, single, to Mary Mitchell, U. S., 26, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. W. C. Brown.

Nov. 25, James M. Robinson, U. S., 30, Bridgeport, druggist, single, to Florence G. Greene, U. S., 29, Bridgeport, school teacher, single, by Rev. Morgan B. Jones.
Nov. 25, Rudolf Bergquist, Sweden, 26, Bridgeport, carpenter, single, to Matilda Vinnerstrom, Sweden, 23, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. F. Madar.

Nov. 25, Bernard J. Morris, U. S., 22, New Haven, oysterman, single, to Mary Connor, U. S., 26, Milford, shop hand, single, by Rev. P. H. McClean, Milford.

Nov. 26, Frederick W. Herb, U. S., 24, Bridgeport, machinist, single, to Arretta Sloat, U. S., 21, Danbury, single, by Rev. E. Z. Ellis, Milford.

Nov. 26, Albert Blacklock, England, 26, Bridgeport, machinist, single, to Bessie Reilly, U. S., 23, Bridgeport, operator, single, by J. DePeu.
Nov. 26, Thomas F. Powers, U. S., 25, Bridgeport, clerk, single, to Pickering C. McSweeney, U. S., 23, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. J. Madar.

Nov. 26, John E. Miller, U. S., 32, Bridgeport, clerk, single, to Annie L. Mullaney, U. S., 33, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. M. J. Judge.
Nov. 26, Robert E. Goodell, U. S., 24, Bridgeport, tool maker, single, to Carrie S. Ringli, U. S., 23, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. W. A. Beardsley, New Haven.

Nov. 28, John Miski, Austrian, 23, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Marie Szabo, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. E. Komjathy.
Nov. 28, Louis Steliger, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Sophie Tolstey, Austrian, 22, Bridgeport, servant, single, by Rev. E. Komjathy.

Nov. 28, Olaf Nelson, Sweden, 23, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Hilda Bricker, Austrian, 23, Bridgeport, servant, single, by Rev. I. Hoyem.
Nov. 28, William O. Mickel, U. S., 23, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Louise Pickett, U. S., 23, Bridgeport, at home, single, by Rev. G. Sauer.

Nov. 29, Nicola Villa, Italy, 24, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Rosina Parla, Italy, 23, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. J. Madar.
Nov. 29, Peter Nagy, Hungarian, 25, Bridgeport, laborer, single, to Clara Toth, Hungarian, 21, Bridgeport, shop hand, single, by Rev. J. Harsanyi.

(To be continued.)
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APPLES—King and Northern Spy, per double head bbl. \$3.50 @ \$4.75; Baldwin, \$4 @ \$4.75; Ben Davis, \$3.50 @ \$4.25.
HAY AND STRAW—Hay, Timothy, prime, large bales, per 100 lb. 85c; No. 3 @ 1.65c @ 80c; shipping, 60c @ 65c; packing, 55c @ 60c; and clover, mixed, 50c @ 70c. Straw, long rye, \$1 @ 1.05c; short and tangled rye, 50c @ 60c; oat and wheat, 45c @ 50c.

POULTRY—DRESSED—Turkeys, young, 22c @ 23c; Capons, 15c @ 25c; Spring Chickens, roasting, 9 to 10 lb to pair, 23c @ 24c; average grades, 18c @ 20c; Doves, dry pickled, fancy, 14 1/2c @ 15c; ducks, spring, 11c @ 16c; Geese, spring, 8c @ 12c; Squabs, prime, large, white, per dozen, \$2.25 @ \$4.50; do poor dark, \$1.25 @ \$1.50.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Bermuda, per bbl. \$3.50 @ \$5; Long Island, per bbl. \$2.75 @ \$3; Onions, Connecticut, white, per bbl. \$2.50 @ \$5; yellow, \$2 @ \$2.50; red, \$1.75 @ \$2.25.

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Books of Reference.

Newspaper editors like to answer questions addressed to them by their readers—if they are not too hard—and they deem themselves as arbiters rather than as accessories to a misdeed when they are appealed to for information "to decide a bet." But they wonder sometimes why certain questions are put to them for arbitration when the answers are to be found in one of three very accessible books—an almanac, a grammar and a small dictionary.

These are books of reference that ought to be in every home library, however small. We guess that they are, but that they are sometimes dusty with misuse or out of easy reach on a top shelf. It is well to have an almanac, a dictionary or an atlas handy when you are reading your newspaper.

By consulting them frequently the reader will find his daily paper relates his early historical studies to present events and makes his touch with the world closer and more significant. Get the habit—New York Mail.

A Sporting Parson.

The inhibition of a hunting rector by his bishop reminds a correspondent that the Rev. Jack Russell, the famous west country sporting parson, was once cited to answer before the bishop of Exeter to answer charges of neglecting his spiritual and parochial duties, and he was also reprimanded for keeping and following a pack of hounds. The charges were proved unfounded, and Russell refused to give up the sport, which he continued to pursue almost to the day of his death in 1833, at the age of eighty-eight. Besides being an insatiable hunter, he was, as his biographer pithily remarks, "a staunch supporter of Devonshire wrestlers, an admirable sparrer and an enthusiastic upholder of the virtues of Devonshire cider and cream." And in the pulpit he tried to reform conduct rather than to expound doctrine and was a stern denouncer of bad language, strong drink and "the filthy habit of smoking."—St. James Gazette.

Sarcasm in the Commons.

The reluctance of the house of commons to adjourn over Derby day recalls a story related of one of the Roman Catholic peers who took their seats some four or five years before the passage of the first reform bill after an exclusion of a century and a half. He gave notice that on a certain day he would make a certain motion, whereupon there arose from his noble colleagues a general cry of "Derby!" The astonished novice named another day, only to be greeted with an equally unanimous expostulation of "Oaks!" At this he explained that he would have to ask the forgiveness of their lordships; but, having been educated abroad, he was forced to acknowledge that he was not familiar with the list

of saints' days in the Anglican calendar.

His Glasses.

He came home in the small hours of the morning, and his loving spouse confronted him with wrath in her eye and a telegram in her hand, saying, "Here is news that has been waiting for you since supper time."

He blinked, looked wise and, braced up against the hatrack, felt through his pockets, murmuring, "I left my glasses down town."

"Yes," she replied, with scathing irony, "but you brought the contents with you."</